

# German Hatred For United States Cools, Though Wilson Is Charged With Double Crossing Fatherland

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BREMEN, Germany, Feb. 5.—In there a great German army, camouflaged by cunning war minister, ready to spring from the ground and hurl itself east or west when the time is propitious. This host of 1,000,000 men preparing for revenge which half London and all Berlin believe to exist, is a convinced, unrepentant.

There are 1,000,000 soldiers in Germany under arms, if to the 300,000 regulars be added the loyal volunteers and the special police. A correspondent whose opportunities of observation here have not been great, takes upon himself a serious responsibility if he definitely says that Germany cannot and will not fight within any reasonable time. But I believe this to be the truth. And for two reasons, one physical and the other moral.

**People Tired of Fighting.** The moral reason is that the German people are morally tired of fighting. They have been sick of war since 1914, and the very excellence of their military machine, which is using up every ounce of strength and every scrap of material the country can supply, is a constant reminder of the impossibility of a revival of aggressive designs against other states.

There are no fighting airplanes, all the effective military machines, nearly 10,000, have been handed over already to the allies. Aerial armaments can be built more rapidly than

any other kind, and these could be replaced, but there are not enough cannons or machine guns or ammunition to adequately supply more than a couple of army corps.

There is no navy and without a navy, and with Heligoland defenses and the British fleet in control of the Baltic, the whole shores of the Fatherland lie open to invasion.

Why then do these 1,000,000 Germans in arms exist? They are, in the present disturbed state of Germany and in face of the existing menace from outside, the result of a necessary defense force. This the Germans say themselves, and they might be right, but officers of allied countries who have investigated conditions agree with them.

Bolshevism, or Spartaism as it is called here, is still the greatest terror of all Germans of the upper and middle classes. The revolutionaries are lying low, but they are still a factor in capturing Munich and almost taking Berlin in a pitched battle about their latent strength.

Most Americans believe that by entering the war in 1917 and working hard for nearly two years the United States secured the defeat of Germany, who would otherwise have been victorious. It would seem likely, therefore, that American troops would be about as popular as salmon keepers at a prohibition meeting. This is not the case. A German can be freely spoken in the streets and shops without insults or even hostile looks.

**Wilson Unpopular.** President Wilson is extremely unpopular, not because he came in the war, but because he is held responsible for concluding an armistice on the basis of the 14 points, and then turning these overboard in Paris under pressure from Clemenceau and Lloyd George, to the detriment of Germany. In so far as America is blamed it is not for fighting Germany in war, but for double crossing Germany in negotiations.

Quiet and subdued deep gratification is expressed everywhere at the deadlock in the U. S. senate. It is felt that if it were not for the treaty, Germany will somehow benefit. France, now the villain of the piece here, as Russia and England and Italy and America were in turn the most hated of war enemies, is thought to be alienating American and British sympathy by the high hand she is taking.

And at the same time the very Germans who are so bitter with their national inability to understand foreign opinion, frankly admit that if this treaty is not passed, Germany will be driven in, it will only be 10 or 20 years until Germany gets France alone in a corner, and then the speaker leaves the rest unsaid, but he clenches his fist, grinds his teeth and stamps his foot.

**Paradox of Moment.** We are neither liked nor hated at the moment. Germany does not know what attitude we are going to take towards her with them, or towards immigration.

The "Gott strafe England" mood has already passed, and in political and business circles the desire to come to a truce with Britain is manifest. The longer for day when France will be left alone, the day of vengeance can never dawn while England remains faithful to her ally Germany. Germany knows this and wants to cultivate England.

France during the war was the bitter enemy of Germany. During the armistice was felt for her gallant fight against odds and hopes were expressed that after the war she would be crushed by the irresistible might of the Fatherland who would consent to live on terms of friendship though of inferiority, with her conqueror.

Why is it that while other war victims have disappeared, every German believes France will not know deep for words? This answer must be sought not in events on the battlefield, but in what has happened since the armistice. France is blamed for all the excessive demands of the armistice, even the surrender of the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, though in reality directly inspired by the British admiralty.

**Charge Brutality.** The French troops are said to have acted with the utmost brutality and disregard of the rights of the German population in their occupation of the military zone on the left bank of the Rhine, while it is said here that both the British at Cologne and the Americans at Coblenz have been fair and just and created a most favorable impression.

More bitterness has been caused by the introduction of French troops into Germany than by any other act of the French military authorities. Berliners tell of that horrible cannibalism—by which they mean the search for food in the houses of Munich and other cities, and the stories they repeat as to what goes on at the winter of the French military leaders can be imagined and need not be repeated. It is his reputation as to what the German troops did in Belgium.

Another grievance equally deep rooted is the alleged treatment of German families who emigrated to Alsace and Lorraine after the German annexation of the province in 1911. Many of these Germans, and even their children who were born and

grew up in the disputed lands, are said to have been summarily deported since the French took possession, then to adequately supply more than a couple of army corps.

All these stories may be untrue; they may be propaganda circulated by order to keep alive hatred against the historic enemy. If so, they are succeeding admirably.

The younger generation of Germans is being brought up to hate France with a hatred even surpassing the feeling against Germany in France after the disastrous 1870 war.

France is also blamed for retaining some 500,000 German prisoners who are now engaged on reconstruction work in the devastated areas. Many millions of Germans are relatives of these men.

**Repugnant to Germans.** To go up to allied tribunals the officers who are accused of crimes committed in France or on the high seas during the war is also so repugnant to German feeling that I am assured it is the most impossible of the peace terms to carry into execution. One solution of the difficulty recommended by government cartels is that all the accused officers should depart into Holland or Scandinavia. Then the government need not hand over the accused for the allies would have to supply neutral states. But most of the officers are still here and announce their intention of remaining in Germany.

On the issue of the prisoners some hope the present government will go to the aid of the League of Nations, at least in the capital, and then they expect the attitude, terrified of a Bolshevik Germany, will offer no resistance to the reinstatement of the old regime minus the Hohenzollerns, and may even extend the "Führer" blessing, as it did in Hungary, to the forces of Gen. Horthy.

**NATIONS REFUSE TO RESUME TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA**

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 5.—Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Holland have refused to resume trade with Soviet Russia before Russia's debts to nationals of those countries have been paid or guaranteed. It is learned here.

**BULGARIAN REDS PLAN COUP TO OUST PRESENT REGIME**

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date of a coup d'état by which the present regime in that country is to be ousted by violence, according to Sofia advices which tell of the seizure of Bolshevik documents there.

**NEW MEXICO "FLU" CASES REACH A NEW HIGH MARK**

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 5.—Blossoming Monday's record of 212 new cases by the state health department touched the new high mark of the present influenza epidemic. The afternoon's report added 212 cases to the statement made at noon, bringing the day's total to 424 cases. One death was reported at Albuquerque and one from Mora county.

The afternoon reports show Albuquerque county 4, Mora county 6, Torrance county 3, Ariz. 18, Cimarron 17, Lovelock 1, and others.

The penitentiary authorities here have prohibited any further visiting at present during the epidemic. There is no influenza in the prison, but the precaution is taken to avert possibility of infection.

**FLU IS IMPROVING AT FORT HUACHUCA AT PRESENT**

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Feb. 5.—Due to an epidemic of influenza which has lately developed at Fort Huachuca, the first field day scheduled for the Tenth cavalry, on January 21, was postponed to Feb. 11.

The influenza epidemic at the post, which has been of considerable medical authorities believe it will subside in a few days, and the social activities of the post, dances, picture shows, basketball, boxing and post schools will be resumed.

**CITY AUTHORITIES REPORT 98 NEW INFLUENZA CASES**

City health authorities reported 98 new cases of influenza and 19 of pneumonia in the city Wednesday. They say, however, that most of the cases are light. No record of the total number of cases in the city is kept, the officials said.

**NASHVILLE WOMAN SEEKS INFORMATION ON LOST SON**

Mrs. Dora Ekins, of Nashville, Tenn., in a letter to Mrs. L. N. Wiggins, of Nashville, seeks information about her son, Charles D. Ekins, from whom she heard last in 1914. She says she is stopping at the Angelus hotel, El Paso, Mrs. Wiggins is trying to find some trace of the missing young man.

**OLD-TIME POLICE OFFICER.** Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 5.—Sum Fraser, 78, recently appointed by Haverhill City commissioners to serve as chief of police, is the oldest active police officer in America.

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here during the war, used to complain of the activity of count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Sir Cecil often held it to have been a gross improbability for the United States to permit count von Bernstorff to stay in Washington, because in 1912 the latter tried to influence senators to vote against the repeal of the Panama canal tolls act, which was favored by Great Britain, but feared by the German foreign office as the beginning of too good an understanding between the United States and England.

It also is a fact that when Francois Dollfus, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs of the house of deputies of the French parliament, was quoted in the newspapers and in cables to America as having advocated a direct link between the French parliament and the House of Representatives in the American senate, the United States government made an official inquiry and satisfaction was given in the form of an official denial which however, American correspondents who heard the speech took a grain of salt.

The situation in recent months in Washington has been such that it is not surprising that the United States government has not yet in touch with the French government, could visit with secretary Lansing, but that cautious individual refused to let anyone else, except an official, say it was the president's business. Deputies because they could get to the allies would not let supply foreign ambassadors invited senators to their homes and invariably through the well known medium of some occasion as often used in Europe the ambassador got a line on the situation here.

**Nothing Illogical.** Strictly speaking there is nothing illogical in their course. They saw the situation and they were being pressed from European foreign office for action. Moreover they were urged to express discreetly to the French government their view of the situation and do all they could to forward a compromise. Just how the situation has been revealed to president Wilson is not definitely known, but it is probable that the diplomatic procedure may be continued at the unusual course of the proceedings inevitable by the conflict between the legislative and executive branches of our government, there is little likelihood that the department of state or white house will stand on its rights and make a fuss over what has happened.

There is a great deal to be said that out of the present series of incidents may come new precedents for the sending of unofficial ambassadors or ministers to sit in the lobbies of the United States congress and make clear the European viewpoint.

This would entitle the United States to send a commissioner or unofficial envoy to sit in the lobby of the French parliament. There are those who think laws on the subject of the United States will first have to be repeated before some phase of open diplomacy—free intercourse between citizens and governments—can be realized.

**Scope of Law.** It is a question for lawyers to say, for instance, just how far the following provision of the Logan act covers the case.

Any citizen of the United States, whether actual resident or residing within the same, or in any place subject to its jurisdiction, shall not act as a foreign agent without the permission or authority of the government, direct or indirect, committee or carries on any verbal or written correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government or official or agent thereof with an intent to influence any measure or the conduct of any foreign government or official agent thereof or to defeat the measures of the government of the United States or of any person being a citizen or resident within the United States or in any place subject to its jurisdiction, or to act as a foreign agent without the permission or authority of the government, direct or indirect, committee or carries on any verbal or written correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government or official or agent thereof with an intent to influence any measure or the conduct of any foreign government or official agent 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